

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case Number 09-20023-BC
Honorable Thomas L. Ludington

v.

D-2 MAURICE EUGENE WATKINS,

Defendant.

**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION, ACCEPTING
DEFENDANT'S PLEA OF GUILTY AS TO THE CONSPIRACY COUNT OF THE
SECOND SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT, AND TAKING THE RULE 11 PLEA
AGREEMENT UNDER ADVISEMENT**

A plea hearing was conducted on August 24, 2009, by United States Magistrate Judge Charles E. Binder pursuant to the defendant's consent. The magistrate judge issued his report on August 25, 2009, recommending that this Court accept the defendant's plea of guilty. As of today's date, no party has filed any objections to the magistrate judge's report and recommendation. The failure to file objections to the report and recommendation waives any further right to appeal. *Smith v. Detroit Fed'n of Teachers Local 231*, 829 F.2d 1370, 1373 (6th Cir. 1987). Likewise, the failure to object to the magistrate judge's report releases the Court from its duty to independently review the record. *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985). However, the Court agrees with the findings and conclusions of the magistrate judge.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that the magistrate judge's report and recommendation [Dkt # 89] is **ADOPTED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that the defendant's plea of guilty as to the conspiracy count of the second superseding indictment is **ACCEPTED**, and the Rule 11 Plea Agreement [Dkt. # 77] is taken **UNDER ADVISEMENT**.

s/Thomas L. Ludington
THOMAS L. LUDINGTON
United States District Judge

Dated: September 18, 2009

PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing order was served upon each attorney or party of record herein by electronic means or first class U.S. mail on September 18, 2009.

s/Tracy A. Jacobs
TRACY A. JACOBS